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Applicants : Yukinori IIZUKA ET AL
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2009 in Japanese application 2004-327638 (which was identified in
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identified application Serial No. 10/579,943, but which priority

under 35 USC 119 was not claimed), along with an English-language translation of said August 11, 2009 Office Action;

(2) a copy of an Office Action that issued on December 8, 2009 in said Japanese application 2004-327638;

(3) a copy of JP 2003-103351 (along with an English-language abstract thereof);

(4) a copy of JP 2005-177860, which is the published application of said Japanese application 2004-327638, along with an English-language abstract of JP 2005-177860; and

(5) an IDS Form.

JP 2003-103351 was identified in said August 11, 2009 Japanese Office Action.

Also identified in said August 11, 2009 Japanese Office Action were JP 01-127161 and JP 62-148850. JP 01-127161 and JP 62-148850 were cited in applicants' INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT filed August 4, 2006.

It is respectfully requested that a copy of the enclosed IDS Form be returned to the undersigned with an indication thereon

that the Examiner has considered and made of record all the documents listed thereon.

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